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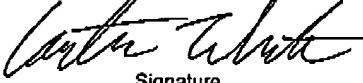
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Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).  
The Commissioner is authorized to charge the required two-month extension of time fee as  
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